GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2597
ANSWERED ON:14.03.2006
IMPORT DUTY ON SODA ASH
Kathiria Dr. Vallabhbhai;Thakkar Smt. Jayaben B.

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the present rate of import duty on Soda ash;

(b) whether the State Government of Gujarat has requested against further reduction of import duty of Soda ash; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) : Soda ash at present attracts customs duty at the rate of 12.5% ad valorem.

(b)& (c) : Yes, sir. Department of Revenue received a request from Government of Gujarat for maintaining the then prevailing rate of import duty. The request of the Government of Gujarat was considered in the present Budget exercise and it has not been found possible to accede to their request.